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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams Secretary Surface Transportation Board 1925 K Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20423

> RE: AB-33 (Sub-No. 163X), Union Pacific Railroad Company--Abandonment Exemption--in Lamar and Fannin Counties, TX

Dear Mr. Williams:

Please be advised that, pursuant to the provisions of 49 C.F.R. § 1152.27(f)(2), the Fannin Rural Rail Transportation District ("FRRTD"), which is a political subdivision of the State of Texas charged with the responsibility for preserving rail transportation services, has reached an agreement with the Union Pacific Railroad Company ("UP") to purchase the 33.5-mile portion of the Bonham Subdivision between milepost 94.0, near Paris, and milepost 127.5, east of Bonham, in Lamar and Fannin Counties, TX that is the subject of the above-referenced proceeding. This will guarantee continued rail operation. If you have any questions, please give me a call at 202-408-6933.

Thank you for you prompt attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Richard H. Streeter

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cc: Mack Shumate, Esq.

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